

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Replace the following paragraphs as shown:

[0041] As shown in Fig. 1, a tonneau cover 40 according to the present invention is embodied, by way of example only, by two separately movable portions or sections including a first section 42 and a second section 44 which are substantially mirror images of each other. It will also be understood that the features of the present invention may be applied equally to a single piece tonneau spanning the entire lateral width of the truck bed 46 which pivots about one of the longitudinally extending sides ~~48 or 50~~ 47 or 48 on hinges mounted on the truck side panels ~~50 and 52~~ 30 and 32 or pivots about one end adjacent to the rear wall of the truck cab ~~56~~ 34 by means of a similar hinge connected to one end of the truck bed or the truck cab ~~56~~ 34.

[0044] As shown in Fig. 1, the channel means 50 is integrally or ~~homogenously~~ homogeneously formed as a one-piece part of each section 42 and 44. This is easily accomplished when each section 42 and 44 is formed of a molded plastic. The channel 50 can be in a raised portion extending from a plane of the ~~cover~~ sections 42 and/or 44 or be recessed into the cover section 42 and 44 below the plane of the ~~cover~~ sections 42 and 44 as shown in phantom in Fig. 1. Alternately, the channel means 50 may comprise separate U-shaped members which are fixedly attached to the otherwise generally planar surface of each section 42 and 44 by means of mechanical fasteners, such as screws, nuts and bolts, etc., as well as adhesives, etc.

[0047] Also shown by way of example in Fig. 2 is an article carrier which, in this example, is devised for releasably mounting a bicycle on top of the tonneau cover 84. The article carrier includes a channel-like support 92 fixedly mounted on the tonneau cover 84, by fasteners, adhesive, etc. A releasable latch ~~94~~ , not shown, is also mounted on a tonneau cover 84 and spaced from the support 92. The latch ~~94~~ ,

not shown, includes a releasable or moveable member which can be moved to an open position allowing the front fork of a bicycle frame, with the front wheel having been removed, to be inserted and then releasably held in the latch 94.

[0050] A lift assist means 122, Fig. 3[.], is provided on each frame member 104. The assist lift means can be a pressurized gas cylinder 122 which is fixed at one end to one of the legs of the frame member 104 and is pivotally attached at an opposite end to one of the article container frame members, such as frame member 114 or 118. The lift means 122 assists in elevating the frame and article container 100 as well as controlling its manual descent.

[0051] As shown in Figs. 4 and 5, brackets 130 and 132 are mounted on the frame members 114 and 118. The brackets 130 and 132 pivotally receive one end of a second lift means 134 and 136, which can again comprise gas assist cylinders. The other end of the lift means 134 and 136 is pivotally connected to a fixed structural member, such as a cross-rib 138 mounted on the inside surface of the tonneau cover 74 84. The lift means 136 is similarly connected to a support rib 140 at the opposite end of the tonneau cover 74. Struts 142 and 144 are pivotally connected on one end to the structural supports 138 and 140, respectively, and fixed at an opposite end to the support members 114 and 118 respectively.